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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another hot, but busy and fun filled week. We hosted our second Year 5 Enterprise Day yesterday, welcoming Year 5 pupils from Caversham Primary and St Anne's to join our Year 5s in taking part in a range of entrepreneurial activities throughout the day. Despite the heat, all the children really enjoyed the experience. Many thanks to Mrs Thomas for organising the day and to Mr Griffiths, all the year 5 team, staff from Caversham Primary, St Anne's and our guest speakers, Clare from Nood Stores, William Ind and Dr Schofield for helping make the day such a success.



We also had our first, Inter-School staff Netball match against Emmer Green on Tuesday. We had so much fun and the result was a 13 all draw. We can't wait to have more fixtures with Emmer Green and other schools in the future.



Reception

This week, we have continued to learn the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', as well as the actions that we will be using when we perform it to you in a few weeks. We have also started to learn our Level 4 phonics and been using the sounds we have learnt so far to blend to read words and segment to write words. In Maths we've been recapping our knowledge of doubling numbers up to 12 and have been naming 3D shapes and talking about everyday objects that are the same shape.

Year 1 We had our phonics screening check this week and Mrs Houghton and Loveday said they were sooo impressed and pleased with our efforts and achievements. We're pretty pleased too!

In DT, we have been designing the packaging for our cookies and in Art, we have been sketching still life in our sensory garden. In Maths we have been using Numicon and paint to practice our number bonds, repeated patterns and addition to 20.



Year 2

This week, we have had a shared guided reading week, focusing on the books 'The Storm Whale' and 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We have been developing our abilities to discuss texts in detail, summarise them and make predictions. We have also been learning how to contrast and compare texts, giving reasons and identifying. In Science we revisited our understanding of parts of a plant and then set up an experiment where we investigated what plants need to grow best.

Year 3

This week, we have been learning about different types of poetry. At the beginning of the week we read and reviewed a selection of poems. We then created our own poetry, including a Haiku poem and chose our favourite piece to publish. In Maths we've begun our learning on measurement and have been measuring length using the appropriate equipment and units. In Science, we have been labelling the different parts of a plant (flower, stem, roots and leaves) and learning about their function. We loved our Superstructure Lego Workshop today! We had so much fun and look at what we built collaboratively!



Year 4

This week in our topic work we have continued to learn about the history of Caversham. We have been looking at photographs and maps of Caversham going back as far as 1790 to help us understand how our local area has changed over time.

In English we have continued our work on poetry and have been learning about how rhyme and meter can be used in poems. We explored different ways that rhyming poems could be structured and enjoyed writing our own poems. In Maths we have continued with our unit about time and have been reading both analogue and digital times.

Year 5

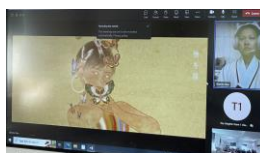
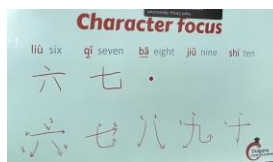
We are really enjoying writing letters, as Greeks or Spartans, trying to persuade our friends or family members to live in our city states of Athens or Sparta and look forward to publishing and sharing them with you. In Maths we finished our unit on decimals and have started a new block of work on negative numbers. In Science we have been focusing on asexual reproduction in plants and in PE, we've been developing our techniques for throwing the nerf rockets and high jump. Ready for Sports Day. We had a really busy end to the week with Enterprise Day and then the Cricket Festival. Both were great fun! Thank you so much to Mrs Thomas, Mr Griffiths, all the Yr 5 team and PS for organising and running both events.



Year 6

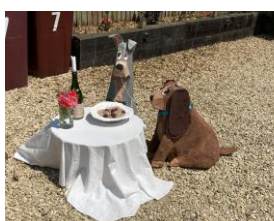
This week we started rehearsing for our musical production of Oliver. We have been working closely with each other and the adults in Yr 6 to ensure that the production has all it needs to run smoothly. We are already super excited about performing it to everyone next month. As well as all the work we're putting in to the production, we have continued to explore Madhubani art from north-east India and have been making use of vibrant colours and striking contrast to recreate some of the striking pieces we've seen. In IT we have been learning how to make use of more complex formula to create a useful, but also fun, tool: a randomiser! It's been great fun learning how to generate random numbers and apply them to a table of items using lookup tools. We

have also enjoyed taking part in the 'A Week in China' project where we have learnt about Chinese culture, language, character formation and much, much more!



Scarecrow Trail

Wow, wow and wow again! I was bowled over by the Scarecrows made by you all! The thought, detail and effort that went into every one of them is phenomenal. Thank you all so much for making them and to Katie Rigg and her 'team' for organising such a fun community event. Many thanks also to Isobel Ballsdon and Rev Nigel Jones for helping as judges. Boy was that a challenge!



Aerial Photos of the School

Thank you to Tim Moody for taking some amazing aerial shots of the school on his drone last weekend, we have really enjoyed looking through his selection of photos. Thank you also to those parents who answered our plea for help and volunteered to take photos.



The Heights Summer Fayre

We are in need of lots of volunteers! If you are able to volunteer any time on the day please could you sign up by clicking on the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48a5ac29a2f58-2023#/>

SEND Short Breaks Summer Holiday Clubs - Make/Sense Theatre

Make/Sense Theatre are running their popular holiday clubs again throughout the summer holidays! We are running sessions to cater for young people with additional needs, including (but not limited to) those with Autism, ADHD, MLD, SLD, SEMH and complex medical needs. Our three different sessions ensure there is

something for everyone to come along, have fun, socialise, play games, learn new skills and explore creatively using drama, movement and music.

Dates, times venue & bookings can be found here [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks Summer Holiday Clubs - Make/Sense Theatre](#)

SEND Short Breaks Multi Sports summer camps - Run by Reading FC Community Trust

Multi sport camps for those aged **8 years to 18 years** taking place at The Avenue School in Reading. Our summer programme will be running for 4 weeks with different sports involved our trained staff will be on hand to make sure that your child has a good time in a safe learning environment.

We have a number of sports being put on over the summer alongside our multi-sport/sensory games.

Dates, times venue & bookings can be found here [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks Multi Sports summer camps - Run by Reading FC Community Trust](#)

SEND Play Camps for 5 to 7 year's by Reading FC Community Trust

Our play camps are for younger children with SEND from ages **5 to 7 years**. The camps will take place at The Avenue School in Reading where our experienced play staff will put on activities to meet your child's needs. in a safe and fun learning environment.

Over the summer the Play Camps will run on a Monday and Tuesday from 10 am till 1 pm over the following weeks:

Week 1 - Monday 31st July & Tuesday 1st August

Week 2 - Monday 7th August & Tuesday 8th August

Week 3 - Monday 14th August & Tuesday 15th August

Week 4 - Monday 21st August & Tuesday 22nd August

Your child will have access to the schools sensory room and sensory trail alongside soft play. We will also put on a number of messy play activities as well as fun and games.

Dates, times venue & bookings can be found here [Reading Directory | SEND Play Camps for 5 to 7 year's by Reading FC Community Trust](#)

SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program

Short breaks are available for Reading children **aged 5 years to 18 years old**.

We cater for children 5 years to 25 years at all our activities. (discounted short breaks not available for 19-25yrs)

Chance to Dance Stars CIC will provide group activities for children & young people with disabilities to have new experiences with sport and dance, to have fun and to build upon social and physical needs.

Note Cost - £20 per day for anyone outside of Reading.

Dates, times venue & bookings can be found here [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program](#)

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Dates for the Diary

Inset Day	19 th June
Year 3 River walk trip	20 th June
New Reception Parents Evening	20 th June
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	21 st June
Year 6 & Year 3 Ukulele concert	22 nd June

Bags2School collection	23 rd June (9am)
Deadline for Eco or School Council poster	26 th June
Year 2 Pirate Day	27 th June
Year 6 Transition Day at Highdown	29 th June
Year 6 Bikeability	3 rd - 7 th July
Year 5 & 6 The Secret Garden Production	4 th July (am)
Early move up afternoons	4 th & 6 th July
Year 6 Bikeability	3 rd - 7 th July
KS1 Sports Day	7 th July - am
Year 4 Oxford Museum Trip	7 th July
The Heights Summer Fayre	8 th July - pm
Year 6 Transition Days at MECE	13 th (all day) & 14 th July (pm only)
KS2 Sports Day	14 th July - am
Year 6 'Oliver' Production	w/c 10 th July
Year 2 trip to The Lookout	11 th July
Year 5 Day at Highdown	12 th July
EYFS Trip to Bucklebury Farm	13 th July
Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	17 th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21 st July

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards